

Hampton wins All-America City award!

On June 15 Hampton was named an All-America City by the National Civic League. The city was selected based on its award application and a presentation to judges. Citizen involvement, community partnerships, and addressing and meeting challenges are key components judges looked for in making the award to the 10 winning communities.



Three innovative programs were featured in the award entry: Healthy Families Partnership, Y.H. Thomas Community Center, and Youth-Community Oriented Policing (Y-COPE).

"Winning this prestigious award recognizes and honors the efforts of our citizens, business community, non-profits, city staff and our many, many community partners," said Mayor Mamie E. Locke. "It's something we can all be proud of." "These All-America City communities serve as models for the rest of the country," said Christopher T. Gates, president of the National Civic League.

311 Call Center wins national honors

The city's 311 Call Center recently received the 2002 Annual Program Excellence Award for Innovations in Local Government Management from the International City/County Management Association.

According to the ICMA, the award recognizes "local governments that have successfully applied the concepts of reinvention, reengineering, TQM, customization, or other cutting-edge organizational tool."

The 311 Customer Call Center was the first of its kind in Virginia. More than 93 percent of the callers to 311 rate the service they receive as good to excellent.



In addition to the ICMA recognition, 311 has received numerous state and national honors, including Harvard Innovations, Public Technology Inc., Virginia Governor's Silver Technology Award and others.

Seen as a model for customer service innovation, more than 50 governmental agencies have requested information or visited Hampton's call center. Visitors have come from as far away as Japan and Alaska.

The center has received more than 620,000 calls since opening in September 1999.

Raytheon opens new Hampton facility

Raytheon Corporation officially opened its newest facility on June 7. The 50,000 square-foot building is in Langley Research and Development Park.

The ribbon cutting included remarks from Dr. Jeremiah F. Creedon, NASA Langley Center Director, and Hampton Mayor Mamie E. Locke.

The new building, recently completed by Mid Eastern Builders, Inc., (MEB) will be leased by Raytheon and will serve as home to over 200 employees from the Consolidated Information Technology Services (ConITS) contract. The ConITS contract supports NASA's Langley Research Center's research and business computing services operation. Raytheon plans to occupy 25,000 square feet of the building initially. Leasing of the remaining space is being handled by Advantis Real Estate Services. Charles B. Daniels, Business Area Manager for the Raytheon Technical Services Company noted that "Raytheon and the ConITS Team are excited about our upcoming move to the new office building. Raytheon, the City of Hampton and MEB formed a true partnership to develop this facility and we are delighted about the outcome. The proximity to our NASA customer, the quality of the facility and the

attractive lease terms make this a win-win situation for all parties."

Mayor Locke stated, "We are very pleased that Raytheon is significantly expanding their presence in Hampton. Raytheon is a world-class company and we are proud to have them as a member of our corporate community."

Headquartered in Lexington, Mass., Raytheon is a world leader in defense and aerospace systems with over 87,000 employees worldwide and \$17 billion in 2001 revenues. At the new Hampton facility, Raytheon Technical Services Company, the information technology and scientific services division, will provide product support and scientific, engineering and technical services to government customers on seven continents including support for operations in space, at sea and on land.



Dr. Creedon, NASA



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The program is sponsored by Hampton Coalition for Youth to celebrate asset-building as a vital part of youth development in Hampton.

**See our next edition on
July 18.
City Page will not publish
on July 4.**

50th Anniversary Celebration



In 1952 the city of Hampton, town of Phoebus and Elizabeth City County consolidated. Starting the end of this month and continuing through July, there will be many community celebrations to mark the this 50th anniversary of consolidation. Check out the events below.

Schedule of Events

June 30

Commemorative Service Day

• Churches hold individual commemorative services celebrating the consolidation and to kick-off the lead-up to the 400th anniversary in 2010 of the city of Hampton.

• Big Bands at Buckroe - Featuring Buddy Clarke's Spirit of America Orchestra, from 6-8 p.m. Free admission. View historical displays of Buckroe Beach. Food available for purchase. Information, 727-8311.



July 1

City of Hampton Recognition Day

10:30 a.m., Hampton City Hall Plaza
Special Council Meeting to swear in new Council members and to highlight the 50th Anniversary of Consolidation.

• Employees and Council members working for the city, and teachers, principals, board members and administrators who were a part of the school system at the time of consolidation are invited to be recognized.
• Special honoring of C. Alton Lindsay, Chairman of the school board in 1952.

July 2

Elizabeth City County Recognition Day

• Hampton University Event
A reception and self-guided tours of historic campus landmarks and significant events taking place during the last 50 years. Information, 727-5310.

• Pomoco Family Movie Series, 7 p.m., Buckroe Beach Park - Go back to the 1950s as you watch the movie "GREASE." Entertainment at 7 p.m., movie at sunset. FREE admission, food available for purchase. Prizes for the best 1950s costumes. Information, 727-8311.

July 3

Phoebus Recognition Day

• Free showing of the movie musical "Showboat" at 7 p.m. at the American Theater. Free refreshments and historical entertainment.

July 4

Fireworks In Celebration

Independence Day! It's Fourth at the Fort from 4-11 p.m. featuring live entertainment, food and drinks, children's rides and games and of course FIREWORKS. Ft. Monroe, information call 788-3151/2312.



July 7

Special Historical Recognitions

• Little England Chapel Service - A mock-up of the Chapel's historical marker will be unveiled on the grounds. Enjoy refreshments and an audiovisual program on the chapel and Newtown neighborhood. 2 p.m.

• Big Bands at Buckroe Beach featuring "First Class Band" performing from 6-8 p.m. Come in your favorite 1950s outfit for prizes and dance to your favorite song. A special anniversary cake will be served to the first 300 people! Info: 727-8311.

July 8

Vignettes from the 50s

Come prepared to have fun and to share your memories of Hampton in the 1950s as presenters discuss the history of consolidation and other historically significant events. Main Hampton Public Library, 7 p.m.

July 14

Commemorative Service

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold a service that includes use of their historic communion silver.

Holiday schedule



City offices will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue offices also will be closed July 5. Hampton's Customer Call Center will remain open to answer your questions — just dial 311 or 727-8311.

Curbside collection normally scheduled for July 4 will be collected on Wednesday, July 3.

Calendar

JUNE 21, 28 & JULY 5, 12

Storytelling in the Park

Take an afternoon break and enjoy the sights and sounds at Mill Point Park. Every Friday the park will come alive with puppets, storytellers and ballerinas. Free, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Refreshments available for purchase. Hampton Parks & Recreation, 727-8314 or visit www.hampton.gov/parks

JUNE 22-23

Air Power Over Hampton

The air show of Hampton Roads. Dozens of civilian and military aerial demonstrations, displays, food, vendors and fun. Langley AFB. Saturday, 9a.m. - 9p.m., Sunday, 9a.m. - 5p.m. Free. 764-2018.

JUNE 26

City Council

Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 727-6315. Agendas on Web site: hampton.gov/council. Meetings broadcast live; re-broadcasts June 27 at 10 a.m., and June 29 at 3 p.m. on The City Channel TV-47. **City Council's July 10 meeting is cancelled.**

JUNE 26-30

Hampton Jazz Festival

Experience the 35th annual Hampton Jazz Festival! Line-up includes:

Friday - Patti Labelle, Dave Koz featuring James Ingram, Norman Brown & Brian Culbertson, The Stylistics, The Chi-Lites, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes.

Saturday - O'Jays, Stephanie Mills, Fourplay (w/Bob James, Larry Carlton, Harvey Mason & Nathan East), Oleta Adams.

Sunday - Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Teena Marie, The Gap Band. Hampton Coliseum, 757-671-8100, www.hamptoncoliseum.org.



JUNE 28-30

Afrikan American Festival

A two-day outdoor festival, alcohol-free, family oriented event with local and internationally known artists. Imported arts, crafts, clothing and ethnic food and beverages are for sale in the market place. Mill Point Park. \$2 donation. Friday, 4 - 10 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., 838-4721.

JUNE 29

Beach Safety Awareness Day

A celebration to raise awareness of enjoying the beach safely, culminating with a lifeguard competition. Buckroe Beach, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Parks & Recreation, 727-1665.



JULY 12

A Unity Celebration

Who: Youth from Hampton's high schools
When: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Thomas Nelson Community College
Free admission, free food, fun activities for all! Sponsored by Alternatives, Inc. For information call 838-2330 and ask for Nate.

For more events, go to www.hampton.gov and click "calendar."

